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1. The Chinese Communists built three floating bridges across the Ch'ongch'on-gang after United Nations forces had destroyed the steel bridge over that river at Sinanju (125-36, 39-36). Before these three floating bridges were built, a branch highway which connects with these three bridges, was constructed from the northern bank of the Ch'ongch'on-gang to Maengjungdong (125-36, 39-39).
2. Wharves (sic) built of reinforced concrete, ten meters wide and fifteen meters long have been built at both ends of each bridge. These wharves are only slightly higher than the level of the river.
 - a. The first floating bridge is about 500 meters northeast of the Anju (125-40, 39-37) Wharf. This bridge has been formed by joining steel tugs and floating platforms with wooden beams 20 centimeters thick and 50 centimeters wide. The bridge is about 8 meters in width and can carry heavy guns and trucks.
 - b. The second floating bridge is 1 kilometer northeast of the first bridge and is constructed of similar materials.
 - c. The third floating bridge is about 1200 meters northeast of the second bridge. The materials and floats used in its construction are inferior to those in the first and second bridges. This bridge is now used primarily for small vehicles and empty trucks.
3. None of the three bridges mentioned above are used during daylight. The boats and floats used in these bridges are moved and hidden during the day. After dark they are brought out to form the bridges. Each part of the bridge is numbered so that it can be rapidly assembled.

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4. Reinforced concrete fortifications have recently been built near the ends of these bridges and one battalion of Communist troops are stationed at those six places to perform the duties of military police.

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